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FAMILY REUNION —The sisters of Francis Gary Powers are reunited with their U2 pilot brother for the first time since his release by the Russians Feb. 10 at Tuesday's hearing.

before the Senate Armed Services Committee. SUN Reporter Betty Jones who made the arrangements for the reunion with Central Intelligence Agency officials is at far right. Arm in

arm with her brother is Mrs. Veril W. Melvin, 1004 Nealon Drive, Falls Church. The other sister is Mrs. W. E. Ellerman, Glenelgabor, Md. (UPI Telephoto)

At Crowded Public Hearing

Shy Sister Almost Misses Reunion With Gary Powers

By BETTY JONES

WASHINGTON — Tod day to announce that she is Harry Gary Powers' sister, a Dixie Church homewife almost missed a reunion with her U-2 pilot brother at the close of a crowded public hearing before U. S. Senators Tuesday.

Mrs. Veril Melvin has not seen nor talked to her brother since his release from a Russian prison Feb. 10.

SHE STOOD on the stage of the milling, pushing crowd surrounding Powers after Soviet Armed Forces committee had commended the pilot's conduct during capture and confinement.

Her brother, facing a ~~brown~~.

of television cameras, was unaware that Mrs. Melvin was at the hearing. A **SUN** reporter told the Central Intelligence Agency counsel accompanying Powers that Mrs. Melvin and Powers' other sister, Mrs. W. E. Hileman of Glass Manor, Md., were present and hoping to see their brother.

The official replied, "I suppose they can see him for a few minutes."

A capitol policeman was sent to the other side of the crowd to bring Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Homan to Powers' side.

Neakn Drive, drove to the Separate committee hearing with a SUN reporter. Fleidister came from Maryland by bus.

Both came in the hopes of seeing and speaking to their brother, who has been concealed by government authority during a

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